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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: JOSHUA SHIDAMBASI ODANGA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1987

1. EMBASSY'S FILES REVEAL FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ODANGA:

(A) ODANGA, A MEMBER OF LUHYA TRIBE, WAS BORN IN KAKAMEGA, KENYA IN 1924. HE WAS EDUCATED AT KIAMOSI SCHOOL AND MASENO SECONDARY SCHOOL. FURTHER EDUCATION CONSISTED OF A POSTAL SERVICES COURSE IN BIRMINGHAM, U.K., IN 1962, FOLLOWED BY A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COURSE AT OXFORD. HE HOLDS NO UNIVERSITY DEGREES.

(B) CAREER: UNTIL BEING APPOINTED KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA IN APRIL 1974, ODANGA HAD WORKED SOLELY WITH THE EAST AFRICAN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. IN 1942 HE JOINED EAP&T AS A POSTAL CLERK AND TELEGRAPHIST, RISING TO POSTMASTER AND INSTRUCTOR, AND IN 1963 BECAME CONTROLLER OF POSTAL SERVICES. IN 1964 HE WAS PROMOTED TO KENYA REGIONAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EAP&T
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AND THEN SERVED AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR UNTIL 1974.

(C) HIS INTERESTS INCLUDE SOCCER. HE HAS BEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE KENYA NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, AS WELL AS TEAM MANAGER OF KAKAMEGA FOOTBALL CLUB.

(D) ODANGA IS MARRIED, AND HE AND HIS WIFE RASOA
HAVE SIX ADULT CHILDREN, THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS.
HE IS A CHRISTIAN.

2. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE HERE ON ODANGA'S
REPUTATION OR FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS. WE HAVE NOT
ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM HIS NOMINATION FOR THE TOKYO
POST, BUT WILL REPORT SAME WHEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED.
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